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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Assistant Secretary of Defense

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Stanford Research Institute  
Project on "Research and Development  
Objectives in the Peripheral-War Problem"

1. This note is to officially inform you that CIA concurs in and strongly supports your proposal to establish an external research contract on "Research and Development Objectives in the Peripheral-War Problem" with the Stanford Research Institute.

2. You will recall that in the discussions between our two offices with regard to the Killian Report, Recommendation 11, I informed you of an external research contract which this Agency has established with

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[REDACTED] We agreed that these two projects were complementary and that by close coordination between the two research organizations, as well as between our own offices, both projects would be mutually benefited, duplication could be avoided, and significant steps would thus be taken toward the "exhaustive examination of the techniques and the weapons technology for peripheral wars" as recommended by the Killian group.

3. As of possible assistance in handling your proposed project within the Department of Defense, I have drafted the attached paragraph which you may find useful in this form or otherwise as you prefer.

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[REDACTED]  
Special Assistant to the Director  
for Planning and Coordination

Attachment

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